




Speech By
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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.27 pm): As the Palaszczuk government implements its economic plan to help our communities unite and recover from COVID, can I say how great it is to see so many community organisations and sporting clubs starting to get up and running again. I had the great pleasure very recently to go out with the member for Bancroft to the Redcliffe Tigers AFC to have a look at their wonderful new grounds. With the announcement from the Premier this week, can I join in saying what a great initiative this is and how much it will support our local economy. We welcome our southern colleagues, and I am in no doubt whatsoever that the Redcliffe community and the Moreton Bay region would happily adopt one of the AFL teams that are coming up to Queensland. There is no better place to stay and play than in our area.

Talking about sports, I also want to say that, now that we are seeing the NRL playing again, I think it is about time that we heard a decision on a new team for Queensland. Again, there is no better place for that team to be based than at the Redcliffe Dolphins. We have the best facilities, but more importantly we have such incredibly strong community support for the NRL and for the Redcliffe Dolphins. We are sad that the Intrust Super Cup has not recommenced this year. I note the member for Kurwongbah is nodding his head. I know he would support Redcliffe being that new team for NRL.

A government member: Don't forget the Roar!

Mrs D'ATH: Of course I would never forget the Roar! I know they will do very well this year.

Can I also very quickly acknowledge a number of businesses that have been supported by the Small Business Adaptation Grant. I congratulate Tempest restaurant at Scarborough; Scarborough Physio and Health, who, through their grant, are partnering with another local business, Brad Flynn, who is also president of the Redcliffe Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; Sunrover Tours, who do amazing day and overnight tours to Moreton Island and Fraser Island; and also LaVida on Anzac, which provides outstanding accommodation to visitors to the peninsula.

They all received grants of up to \$10,000 which will be used to help market and grow their businesses and to get social media up and running. They were all heavily affected by COVID and the shutdown. They will be able to rebuild, to build up their customer base again, and to get people back into jobs. Tourism is so important for our area, so those businesses involved in tourism that are getting this grant are so welcoming of it. It is fantastic that local businesses have benefited from this, and I am proud to be part of the Palaszczuk government supporting the people of Redcliffe.